## TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE Transcriber's Office FLOOR DEBATE

January 28, 2004 LB 656

for this, to do this work, had had contact with that company while working for some economic development operation in Hall County?

SENATOR AGUILAR: That's true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that person was interested in giving...in paying back favors to this company that he had received from the company. Isn't that true?

SENATOR AGUILAR: I really don't know what his motivation was, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, he said that; that they had done good things for him and he wanted to pay them back. That was in your newspaper out there.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So there have been question raised by people in Hall County about the wisdom and appropriateness of this being done. Isn't that true?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes, there were some questions.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And there were some county board members who don't like this idea. Is that true?

SENATOR AGUILAR: I can't speak for what everybody's idea was on the county board. I do know there were some county board members that questioned whether or not it was legal.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what I'm getting at...that's all I'll ask you right now, Senator Aguilar,...there are so many things wrong with this bill that it can take the session to discuss it even without me just wanting to take a lot of time to wear you all out. But at the state level, we are not allowing private prisons. When that discussion was being had, the Department of Corrections, other people not connected with the department supplied us with all of the information we could need and more than what some people needed to show that running prisons by